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Tobacco control

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with profound concern the escalation in smoking and other forms of tobacco use worldwide,

Recognizing the adverse impact of tobacco consumption on public health, as well as its social, economic and environmental consequences, including for efforts towards poverty alleviation,

Acknowledging that tobacco control at all levels and particularly in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition requires sufficient financial and technical resources commensurate with the current and projected need for tobacco control activities,

Bearing in mind that strong political commitment at all levels will be necessary for effective tobacco control,

Mindful of the social and economic difficulties that tobacco control programmes may engender in the medium and long term in some developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and recognizing their need for technical and financial assistance in the context of nationally developed strategies for sustainable development,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control,[1]

Welcoming the adoption, by consensus, of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control by the fifty-sixth World Health Assembly,

[1] E/2004/55.

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Emphasizing the need for the expeditious entry into force of the Framework Convention and its effective implementation,

1. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention at the earliest opportunity, with a view to bringing the Convention into force as soon as possible;

2. *Urges* Member States to strengthen tobacco control measures;

3. *Also calls upon* the relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and invites other relevant international organizations to continue to provide support for strengthening national and international tobacco control programmes;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control to its substantive session of 2006.